

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 10-28 are pending in this application, with Claims 10, 11, 15-21, 23, 25 and 27 being independent.

Claims 1-9 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 21, 23, 25 and 27 have been amended. Applicants submit that support for the amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claims 10-20 were allowed.

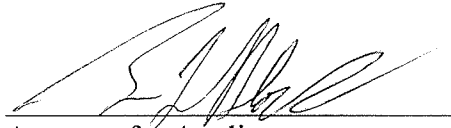
The Examiner has requested a new Title. The Title has been amended.

Claims 6, 8, 21, 23, 25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 21, 23, 25 and 27 have been amended to recite that the computer program is embodied in a computer-readable medium, as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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